

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD OF
GOVERNORS HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1987
AT 8:00 P.M. AD-308, LOYOLA CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present: Mr. D. W. McNaughton, Chairman, Justice A. B. Gold, Chancellor, Ms. L. Bellamy, Dr. J. Bhatnagar, Mr. M. J. Bourgault, C. M., Dr. C. Draimin, Ms. D. Dyson, Mr. L. Ellen, Dr. T. Fancott, Mr. J. Roy Firth, Me A. Gervais, Mr. R. K. Groome, O. C., Prof. G. Gross, Dr. H. Habib, Dr. P. Kenniff, Ms. S. McLeod, Dr. H. W. Proppe, Mr. P. Shea, Mr. J. H. Smith, Mr. S. White.
Officers of the University: Dr. M. Cohen, Dr. J. C. Giguère.
Secretary: Rev. A. Graham, S. J.

Absent with apologies: Mme M. J. Drouin, Mr. J. N. Economides, Mr. Paul E. Martin, Mr. W. W. Stinson, Mme L. Watier.
Officer of the University: Dr. F. R. Whyte.
Absent: Mr. L. Grey, Mr. T. Hecht, Mr. L. Ian MacDonald, Mr. A. Michell, Me J. J. Pepper, Q. C., Ms. K. Takacs, Mr. C. I. Taylor.

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

BG-87-5-D22	-	Report of the Finance Committee to the Board.
BG-87-5-D23	-	Report of the Capital Campaign.
FC-87-2-D4	-	Projection of Actual Revenue & Expenditures for Fiscal 1986-87.
FC-87-2-D5	-	1987-88 Operating Budget - Introductory Notes.
FC-87-2-D6	-	Modification of Course Withdrawal Rebate Policies.
FC-87-2-D7	-	Capital Budgets 1987-88.

1.1 Mr. McNaughton occupied the chair.

1.2 The agenda was accepted as presented.

1.3 It was moved and seconded (Bourgault, Firth) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R87-39 *THAT the minutes of the Open Session of April 16, 1987, be approved.*

2.1 Suspension of Normal Operating Procedures

Since the Vice-Rector, Academic was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting, this item was tabled for the June meeting.

3. Report of the Finance Committee

Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, introduced document BG-B7-5-D22 and reported on the meeting of the Committee on Friday, May 8, 1987. He noted that the Committee had discussed the projected actual revenue for fiscal 1987-88 (FC-87-2-D4) and has concluded that, based on existing government funding formulae, the University Administration has accomplished all that is possibly consistent with keeping up the necessary University educational standards. We will continue to have a deficit budget. The Finance Committee is satisfied that expenses are under control, various avenues are being followed to maximize income and, if we can get our fair share from government promises to universities, our projected budget is fully consistent with a balanced operating budget. In answer to a question, the Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations & Finance stated that our cumulative deficit as of May 31, 1987 will be approximately \$33 million. The Vice-Rector also believes that final steps to balance the budget can be taken within 18 months. With a balanced budget the present debt may require 15 to 20 years to be amortized.

When asked how CREPUQ views the distribution of funds to the various universities, the Rector replied that the Rectors of the Quebec Universities have a united programme in seeking funds from Quebec. CREPUQ, however, does not attempt to determine how the money is to be divided among the universities.

It was moved and seconded (Smith, Ellen) and unanimously RESOLVED:

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| R87-40 | 1. | THAT | <i>the projection of the actual revenues and expenditures for fiscal 1987-88 as set out in FC-87-2-D4, be accepted.</i> |
| | 2. | THAT | <i>the preliminary Operating Budget for 1987-88 as set out in FC-87-2-D5, be approved.</i> |
| | 3. | THAT | <i>the Capital Budget 1987-88 as set out in FC-87-2-D7, be approved.</i> |

4. It was moved and seconded (Smith, Bourgault):

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| R87-41 | 1. | THAT | <i>for the summer session, students who withdraw from any course of three weeks' duration or more, within one week from the date of beginning of that course, will receive a full rebate of tuition fees- No rebates will be granted beyond this period, nor for courses of less than three weeks' duration.</i> |
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2. *THAT for the fall/winter session, students who withdraw from any fall term course or any fall/winter session course within two weeks from the date of beginning of classes, or from any winter term course within two weeks from the date of beginning of classes, will receive a full rebate of tuition fees. No rebates will be granted beyond these periods.*
3. *THAT Student Service fees, Student Association fees and the academic materials fee are subject to the same schedule of rebates as tuition fees. Other fees are not refundable. No additional charge will be levied on students who withdraw from the University; the 6% charge will no longer apply.*
4. *THAT corresponding changes to the published rules will be made in the 1988-89 calendar, but will take effect immediately, except in the case of the 1987 summer session. Appropriate notice of these changes will be communicated to all students.*

Discussion

The Rector discussed the reasons for the rebate policy as set out in FC-87-2-D6(Rev.). He emphasized that there is no change in the withdrawal date. This would require a Senate decision. When asked how the two-week deadline was decided upon, Dr. Kenniff explained that this was determined after a study of the practice of other Quebec universities.

AMENDMENT

It was moved and seconded (Dyson, Scott):

THAT the rebate period be September 30 rather than two weeks after the beginning of class.

Discussion

It was alleged that the two-week period was insufficient because the University calendar does not accurately reflect the actual contents of many courses and because some professors begin their lecture series by simply passing out a list of readings without actually beginning the substance of the course. This is particularly detrimental in courses which have only one lecture per week. It was, however, pointed out that the problems indicated were academic in nature and should be handled by the academic administration.

VOTE on Amendment 1

The amendment was defeated by a majority vote

AMENDMENT 2

It was moved and seconded (Bhatnagar, Bellamy):

THAT foreign students be allowed four weeks during which they may receive full rebates upon withdrawing from class.

It was stated that the amount of money involved is much greater for foreign students who have to pay full tuition fees and for whom no government subsidy is received. These students often find their first weeks in a foreign country traumatic and, therefore, need more time to orient their courses.

It was argued, on the other hand, that foreign students must bear their full load of responsibility in university and that normally they change courses early because of immigration regulations requiring them always to have a full load.

VOTE on Amendment 2

8 in favour, 9 against, 2 abstentions. DEFEATED.

Vote on the Main Motion

Resolved in the affirmative by majority vote.

It was moved and seconded (Gervais, Gross) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R87-43 WHEREAS Concordia University has prepared working drawings and specifications for the construction of a Music Hall on the West-end campus; and

WHEREAS the cost estimate dated 21 May 1987 projects a construction within limits accepted by Concordia University.

BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) *THAT the plans and specifications of the said Music Hall, as recommended and submitted by the Planning Committee, are approved.*

- (b) *THAT the Administration is hereby authorized to proceed to tender call to permit a construction start as planned in the master schedule.*
- (c) *THAT, following detailed analysis of the tenders which will be received, and subject to the recommendation of the Development Manager, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors is hereby authorized to award a contract for the construction of the said Music Hall to the lowest bidder which has met all projection requirements including budget projections*
- (d) *THAT Dr. Patrick Kenniff, Rector & Vice-Chancellor, and Dr. Charles Giguère, Vice-Rector, Services, are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents and contracts on behalf of Concordia University for the purposes hereof.*

6. Rector's Report

The Rector reported that the Capital Campaign had reached a total of about \$16,350,000. A detailed report will be distributed.

He congratulated Prof. Dennis O'Connor, who was present as an observer, on being elected President of the Faculty Association.

He also mentioned that he had hoped to have definitive good news about additional funding from the Quebec Government for the downtown library. However, the final government decision has not been made. It is hoped that it will be made before the June meeting.

8. Mr. Shea stated that he had many complaints from Loyola Alumni about the pictures of Loyola graduates which once hung in the main hall of the Central Building on the Loyola Campus; they were taken down five years ago and have not been replaced. Vice-Rector Giguère promised to look into the matter

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 18, 1987 at 8:00 a.m. H-769, SGW Campus.

The meeting terminated at 9:15 p.m.

Aloysius Graham, S.J.
Secretary